Conversion of M.A. College of Technology, Bhopal into I I. T.

3512. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the five I. I. Ts. established in the country is so located that the central part of the country is served by it;

(b) whether Government are considering to establish any more I. I. Ts in the country to fill in this void; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert the M. A. college of Technology, Bhopal into an I I. T and if so, what are the details thereof, and if not, whether Government propose to examine the feasibility of converting it into an I. I. T and take necessary steps to locate one of the I.I.Ts. at Bhopal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Apart from the five Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) already established at Kharagpur, Bombay, Madras, Kanpur and Delhi, one more IIT is proposed to be set up in Assam The I.I.Ts. are 'Institutes of National Importance' and cater to the needs of the country on an all-India basis and not on regional or State considerations. There is no proposal at present under Government's consideration to convert the Maulana Azad College of Technology, Bhopal into an I.I.T. or to set up any more I I Ts. in the country.

Inclusion of Diseases in the National Health Programme

3513. SHRI RAJANI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1201 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that other diseases have also been included other than the eight diseases already included in the National Health Programme.

(b) if so, the names of those diseases and the drugs required for the treatment of those diseases;

(c) whether Government recommended Iodine which is required for Goitre Programme to be covered under Price Control; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Apart from the eight programmes the following three programmes and the drugs used have also been included in the list of National Health Programmes:—

1. STD Control Programme:—Antibiotics

2. National Family Welfare Programme including Mother & Child Health:—Folic Acid, Ferrous Sulphate, Vitamin A'.

3. AIDS Control Programme:—There are, as of now, no specific drugs for treatment of AIDS.

(c) and (d) Iodine in the form of Potassium Iodate is used under the Goitre Control Programme. Potassium Iodate is not a Pharmacopical drug and so is not included in the Drug Price Control Order.

Education to the Consumers on Drugs Interaction

3514 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to educate Doctors and Consumers at large regarding Drug Interaction;

(b) what are the types of drug interaction which can be fatal; and